(c) whether the following statement contained in the first number (page 11) of the Modern Weekly is true to facts. "This bridge had been condemned as unsafe earlier by the Overseer in-charge but no action had been taken on his report"?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) Once a year.

(b) On 28th Medam 1105 by the Overseer and on 30th Medam 1105 by the Chief Engineer.

(c) The statement is not correct. After the Overseer had made his report, the Chief Engineer visited the place and caused caution boards to be put up indicating danger. As the river was in flood no further action could be taken then.

Mr. V. Achyuta Menon.—May I know what temporary arrangement has been made for vehicular traffic across the river?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—A temporary pier has been constructed in the place of the one which collapsed. Traffic will be possible within some more days.

Fall in the price of copra and coir.

98. Mr. M. A. Chakko.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

1. if they are aware of the distress prevailing at present in coastal villages of the Cochin Kanayannur Taluk particularly the villages that comprise the Narakkal Constituency owing to the fall in the price of copra and coir;

2. how the present condition of unemployment and suffering compares with that of the year 1914 soon after the declaration of War?

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—1. Though there is a fall in the price of copra and coir, the general public, it is reported, is not put to much distress as the price of paddy, rice and other necessaries has also simultaneously gone down.

2. There is not much of unemployment now except among the educated classes. Conditions in the sea-board villages compare very favourably with the state of things in 1914 when there was a fall in the price of articles to be exported and rise in the price of the articles imported. It was also well nigh impossible to procure the necessaries of life then.

Mr. M. A. Chakko.—May I know after the discussion which was held in this House yesterday, the Government is of the same opinion to-day?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes. So far as the information of the Government goes they think that the answer to (2) is still correct.

Bridge near Mathilakam.

99. മിസ്റ്റർ എ. കെ. കുഞ്ഞുമൊയ്തീൻ.—(a)മലബാർ ഡിസ്ട്രിക്ട് ബോർഡുമായി സഹകരിച്ച് മതിലകത്തിന്നടുത്തു് കരു പാലം ഉണ്ടാക്കുവാൻ ഗവ ർമ്മെന്റു തീരുമാനിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ;

LIBRARY ARCHIVES Kerala Legislative Assembly

(b) ആ കാര്യങ്ങൾ എങ്ങിനെയിരിക്കുന്നു;

(c) അതു സംബന്ധിച്ച് ശവമ്മെണ്ടും മലബാർ കലക്ടരും തമ്മിൽ നടത്തീട്ടുള്ള എഴുത്തുകുത്തുകൾ മേശപ്പുറത്തു വെയ്ക്കുമൊ?

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. അരവിന്ദാക്ഷ മേനോൻ.—(a) തീരുമാനിക്കുവാൻ സാധിച്ചിട്ടില്ല.

(b) കൊട്ടങ്ങല്ലൂരും ചേറുവായും തമ്മിൽ കൂട്ടിപ്പിടിപ്പിക്കുന്ന റോഡിന്റെ യാതൊരു ഭാഗവും കല്ലിട്ടതല്ലിയിട്ടില്ലാത്തതിനാലും മറ്റും പാലത്തിനു പണം ചിലവുചെയ്യുവാൻ ഒരുക്കമില്ലെന്നു ഡിസ്ട്രിക്ട് ബോർഡ് പറഞ്ഞിരിക്കുന്നു.

(c) എഴുത്തുകുത്തുകൾ മേശപ്പുറത്തുവെക്കുവാൻ പാടുള്ളവയല്ല.

Hydro-Electric Scheme.

100. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) the names of the officers who prepared the Hydro-Electric Scheme at Poringalkuttu during the Diwanship of Mr. J. W. Bhore, I. C. S.;

(b) was any authority outside the State consulted about the scheme; if so, who are they and what are their qualifications in Electric Engineering;

(c) who is in charge of the present investigation of the scheme and what are his qualifications;

(d) how much money is proposed to be spent on his responsibility and what is the result of his investigation?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) (1) The British Westinghouse Electric Manufacturing Co., Ltd., in September 1917.

(2) Mr. S. G. Forbes, the Chief Electrical Engineer to the Government of Mysore in December 1918.

(b) Besides the two above authorities, Mr. Gibbs of the Tata Hydro-Electric Supply Co., Ltd., Bombay, was consulted regarding the scheme submitted by the British Westinghouse Co. Their names will themselves suggest their qualifications in Electrical Engineering.

(c) The Chief Engineer is in charge of the present investigation and a Special Officer, one Mr. K. B. Menon, is assisting the Chief Engineer. Mr. K. B. Menon is a Bachelor of Engineering of the Madras University in Mechanical and Electrical Engineering, and he has practical experience of Hydro-Electric systems in the Cauveri Power Scheme, Mysore.

(d) Nothing is proposed to be spent on Mr. K. B. Menon's responsibility.

The special officer is collecting details for the preparation of estimates.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—May I know what was Mr. K. B. Menon doing in the Cauveri Power Scheme, Mysore?

LIBRARY ARCHIVES Kerala Legislative Assembly